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Mr. Roger Traynor
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Dear Mr. Traynor:

As program chairman of the 51st Annual Newspaper Institute of the New Jersey Press Association, scheduled for Friday, March 23, 1973, in Atlantic City, I am trying to put together a day-long study under the umbrella of "The Press Under Fire".

In one of the sessions, to last an hour or an hour and one-half, I would like to have two experts discuss the pros and cons of press councils followed by an insight into the role of a newspaper ombudsman.

It was, therefore, with great interest that I read of your appointment as chairman of the working committee of the establishment of a national press council for the Twentieth Century Fund Task Force. The New Jersey Press Association would be honored to have you appear on this panel to discuss the press council, its advantages and its necessity.

In attendance will be the top news editors and executives of New Jersey's daily and weekly newspapers, gathered for the most important press function of the year.

I hope you will give this invitation favorable consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,



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December 19, 1972

Mr. Robert E. Rhodes
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Dear Mr. Rhodes:

I am always heartened to read such a letter as yours of 13 December, evincing active interest in thoughtful and constructive ways of spelling out what responsibility attends the basic freedoms of our democratic society. Your projected day-long study of "The Press Under Fire," is a welcome step in that direction.

I wish I could be with your panel on that day, Friday, 23 March 1973, in response to your gracious invitation. It is unlikely, however, that I will be able to be on the Atlantic coast at that time. Nonetheless I shall be most interested in the outcome of your symposium. It would be a welcome development if the day's meeting were to generate an ongoing interest among members of your Association willing and able to bring their experience to bear on the very difficult problems that prompted the Twentieth Century Fund Task Force to move toward the establishment of The National News Council.

Sincerely yours,

Roger J. Traynor